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In re Application of
Robert F. Mansueto et al.
Application No. 10/046,000
Filed: October 27, 2001
Title of Invention: HIGH-STRENGTH DENTAL
-IMPLANT W/CONE-LOCKING & SWAGING
ABUTMENT

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed September 6, 2006 under 37 CFR 1.137(b)¹, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The instant application became abandoned on May 13, 2002, for failure to timely reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts, mailed March 12, 2002, which set a two (2) month shortened statutory period for reply. No extensions of the time for reply in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained prior to the expiration of the period for reply. The instant petition and this decision precede the mailing of the Notice of Abandonment.

The submission of the filing fee, and the surcharge for its late filing, as required by the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed March 12, 2002 is acknowledged.

All other requirements having been met, this application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

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¹ Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application or a lapsed patent pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof.

(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);

(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and

(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c)).